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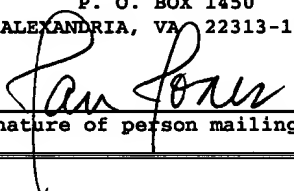
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 10, 2003**

Sir:

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The Office Action mailed November 10, 2003 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time allows Applicants until May 10, 2004 to file a response. As such, Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed and respectfully request entry of all amendments set forth herein and consideration of the remarks provided below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3; **Remarks** begin on page 27; and the **Conclusion** begins on page 31 of this paper.